How to find us

By Car

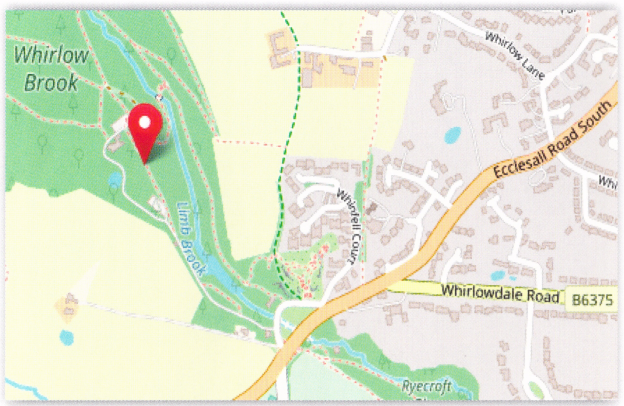
From Sheffield City Centre follow the A625 Ecclesall Rd towards Banner Cross where it becomes Ecclesall Road South. The park is accessible from the crescent off the A625 where Ecclesall Road South becomes Hathersage Road. There are two car parks within the Park, one half way up the drive on the right and one further up the drive behind Whirlow Brook Hall.

By Bus

From Sheffield, there are several buses 65, 81, 271 and 272. Alight at Whirlow. From Dore use the 82, from Hathersage and the Hope Valley use the 271/272 and from Tideswell or Buxton use the 65. See SYPTE timetables for details of the routes and timetables of these services.

By Train

To reach the Park by train, use Dore and Totley station and enjoy a walk of about a mile and a half through Ecclesall Woods. (about a 40 min walk).



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History of Whirlow Brook Park

Whirlow Brook Hall was built by Percy Fawcett in 1906 and during the 1920s/30s was the home of his sister Madge and her husband Sir Walter Benton Jones, who became the 2nd Baronet of Treeton in 1936. Madge and Walter designed the gardens with the help of the RHS. The rockery was constructed and planted by Backhouse of York. Many unusual trees were planted. Six gardeners were employed to maintain the estate. After Lady Madge's death in 1938, Sir Walter relocated to the family seat at Irnham Hall, Grantham. The estate, which was dearly loved by his wife, was acquired by Sheffield Corporation in 1946 through the generosity of the JG Graves Charitable Trust and the Sheffield Town Trust with a view to making it a public park. Various works needed to be carried out including the construction of roadways, paths, parking spaces and drains. The house was adapted for use as a cafe.
The park was officially opened on 15 June 1951 by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Alderman T W Bridgland. During the decades which followed, up to eight gardeners were employed, two of whom lived in the house. Due to its history and the quality of its planting the park was included in the local register of historic parks and gardens.

Cuts to Council budgets started to have an effect on the park in the 1990s. Fretwell Downing took out an operating lease on the Hall which was used for offices and functions in addition to providing the cafe. Saxon (Vine) Hotels acquired the lease in 2013 on the condition that the Hall be used as a wedding venue.

In 2010, the Council gave permission for Sheffield u3a to restore the rock garden area and work started in 2011. The rest of the park continued to deteriorate due to lack of resources. With the launch of the Friends Group in 2021, it is hoped that the next decade will see Whirlow Brook Park restored and maintained.

Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

Caring for a Special Place

Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

Sheffield City Council

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The Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

The Friends of Whirlow Brook Park (FoWP) is a voluntary group formed in March 2021 to:

- help restore and develop the Park for the people of Sheffield;
- work with Sheffield City Council to improve the facilities;
- encourage wildlife and address climate change within the park;
- carry out historical and ecological research.

You can support our work by:

1) Volunteering for:

- gardening, digging, weeding, planting
- repairing paths
- painting benches and other tasks
- undertaking historical research
- fundraising
- hospitality at events

Volunteers currently work in the park twice a month. Please visit our website for further details.

2) Donating to help fund our projects.

Contact Information

If you wish to donate, join the friends group (only £10 a year) and/or become a volunteer please contact us on:

Website:

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@FriendsBrook

Email:

fowp@friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk

Telephone:

0114 255 8948

We don't have a full-time admin but will aim to deal with your enquiry as quickly as possible.

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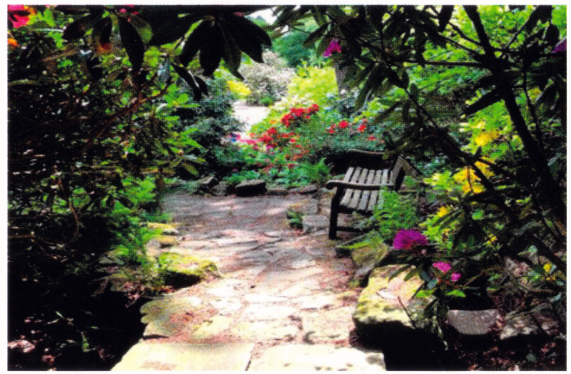

Rock Garden

Volunteers in the Park

Whirlow Brook Hall